

Chapter 396

**(House Bill 972)**

AN ACT concerning

**Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class C–3 License**

FOR the purpose of altering, in Harford County, the membership qualifications for a social organization that may be issued a certain 6–day or 7–day Class C–3 beer, wine, and liquor license by the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Harford County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 22–102 and 22–909(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 22–909(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

22–102.

This title applies only in Harford County.

22–909.

(a) There is:

(1) a 6–day Class C–3 (country club, social organization, topiary garden, or yacht or boat club) beer, wine, and liquor license; and

(2) a 7–day Class C–3 (country club, social organization, topiary garden, or yacht or boat club) beer, wine, and liquor license.

(b) The Board may issue the 6–day license or the 7–day license for use by:

(1) a country club that:

- (i) may be operated for profit or not for profit;
  - (ii) has at least 75 members paying dues of at least \$50 per year per member; and
  - (iii) maintains a regular or championship golf course of at least nine holes or a swimming pool that is at least 20 by 40 feet;
- (2) a social organization that:
- (i) may be operated for profit or not for profit;
  - (ii) has at least 100 members paying dues of at least \$200 per year per member;
  - (iii) has at least 51% of its membership consisting of:
    1. active members of the armed forces of the United States;
    2. veterans of the armed forces of the United States;
    3. active or retired [policemen] **FIRST RESPONDERS**; and
    4. the spouses and children of the eligible members under items 1 through 3 of this item;
  - (iv) is secured by electronic means and is accessible only to members and their guests over the age of 21;
  - (v) requires each server of alcoholic beverages at the social organization to hold a certificate of completion from an approved alcohol awareness program as described in § 4-505 of this article;
  - (vi) has parking facilities to accommodate the vehicles of members and their guests;
  - (vii) is zoned for business or commercial use; and
  - (viii) maintains a list of all active members available for review by the Board of License Commissioners;
- (3) a topiary garden that:
- (i) operates a public museum and garden for the members of the topiary garden and the public as guests of the members;

(ii) is open to the public for at least 6 days a week for at least 6 hours a day during at least 5 months each year; and

(iii) has food preparation facilities on the premises for the convenience of guests; or

(4) a yacht or boat club that:

(i) may be operated for profit or not for profit;

(ii) owns real property in the county; and

(iii) has at least 150 dues-paying members, of whom at least 50 own a yacht, boat, or other vessel.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.**